

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION
PROCLAMATION

SPECIAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS - STAGE II

The Stage II Fire Restriction in the State of Montana, invoked on Thursday, July 26, 2007, under the authority of Section 76-13-109 MCA, is hereby rescinded on all State and private forested lands lying within the boundaries of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Butte-Silver Bow County, Granite County, and that part of Powell County south of the Clark Fork & Blackfoot River divide, excluding the Helena NF, and are replaced with Stage I restrictions.

SPECIAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS - STAGE I

This Proclamation is issued in compliance with State of Montana Fire Regulation Number 9 (Sub-Chapter 1, 36.10.119 Administrative Rules of Montana) promulgated under authority of Section 76-13-109 Montana Code Annotated which restricts certain activities on forest lands (as defined under Section 76-13-102(8) Montana Code Annotated).

The following acts are prohibited on all State lands and private forested lands lying within the boundaries of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Butte-Silver Bow County, Granite County, and that part of Powell County south of the Clark Fork & Blackfoot River divide, excluding the Helena NF. These restrictions become effective as of 0001 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time, Saturday, September 8, 2007 and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire except within a developed recreation site, or improved site.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

EXEMPTIONS:

- a. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- b. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
- c. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- d. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- e. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
- f. Other exemptions unique to each agency.

Dated this 7th day of September 2007, at Missoula, Montana.

/S/ Robert A. Harrington

ROBERT A. HARRINGTON
STATE FORESTER

Failure to comply with this order is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 6 months or both (76-13-112 Montana Code Annotated).